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## ABSTRACT

This annotated bibliography and guide to sources for free and inexpensive materials is intended for teachers-in-training and inservice educators in grades K-12. It provides short written guides to evaluation, selection, acquisition, and utilization of materials, as well as the annotated listing of 116 sources including the names and addresses of publishers and fees as available. Selected journals and magazines which include lists of such materials on a regular or irregular basis are cited in a supplementary list. Two appendices provide information on preparation of letters to distributors and examples of correspondence. (RAA)

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## INTRODUCTION

The lack of adequate funding, a major problem for most educators, restricts the acquisition of student learning materials. Basic instruction in the evaluation, selection, acquisition and utilization of free and inexpensive materials can be a great help to educators.

There are three areas in which teachers appear to be deficient with respect to free and inexpensive materials.

- (1) Educators lack the knowledge to locate and use free and inexpensive materials.
- (2) Teachers make only minimal use of free and inexpensive materials.
- (3) School media collections lack a good variety of supplementary free and inexpensive materials.

Free and inexpensive materials are those resources that can be obtained for educational use at little or no cost to

the educator. They range from one page pamphlets to 16 mm films. The educator must remember, however, that even though the actual price of the material is minimal, or non-existent, time and effort are invested in selecting the materials.

Educators must constantly search for new sources of information for use in teaching. Free and inexpensive materials can supplement the curriculum aids currently in use by teachers. Although these materials do not provide the only answer to the educator's problem with inadequate access to materials, they will provide information which, when used creatively, can help the students learn. These materials are not intended as primary sources in the classroom, but they are successfully used as supplements to the established curriculum materials.

Free and inexpensive materials are available to the educator from a variety of sources which generally list materials by subject, format, and/or sponsor. Guide books which include titles of and sources for free and inexpensive materials range

from a single volume to multi-volume sets.

Although many materials are available, they too frequently remain unused. Current information (pamphlets are quite common and relatively quick to write and print), unlimited subject matter, and copies for personal ownership (copies may often be obtained for each student) are several of the benefits associated with the acquisition and utilization of free and inexpensive materials. The drawbacks characteristic of these materials are biased opinion, propaganda, and too much advertising.

Evaluation and selection procedures and criteria must be designed and implemented to deal with the aforementioned drawbacks.

The primary goal of this handbook is to inform teachers about the selection, acquisition, and utilization of free and inexpensive materials. As a result of studying the handbook the educator will gain the following information:

- (1) Ideas on why free and inexpensive materials

should be considered as learning materials;

- (2) Know what types of source books are available and how they are organized;
- (3) Know what types of materials are either free or inexpensive and;
- (4) Become aware of the uses for free and inexpensive materials in specific subject areas.

The terms that follow will be used frequently in the handbook:

- (1) FREE MATERIALS--no cost or charge.<sup>1</sup>
- (2) INEXPENSIVE MATERIALS--reasonable in price.<sup>2</sup>
- (3) EVALUATION--the process of ascertaining or judging the value or amount of something by use of a standard of

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<sup>1</sup> Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary (Springfield, MA: G. and C. Merriam Co., 1967), p. 333.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid. p. 431.

appraisal; includes judgment in terms of internal evidence and external criteria.<sup>3</sup>

- (4) BOOK SELECTION--make most effective use of allotted funds through consideration of standard, approach, date, scope, illustrations, index, and format.<sup>4</sup>
- (5) SOURCE INDEX--a card, or other index to sources of unusual and elusive information.<sup>5</sup>
- (6) MATERIALS SOURCE--publications and audiovisual supplies and equipment used to extend and enrich the educational experiences of the learners.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>3</sup>Carter V. Good, Dictionary of Education (New York: McGraw-Hill, 1973), p. 220.

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The purpose of this handbook is to educate teachers-in-training and in-service educators in grades K-12.

## EVALUATION OF MATERIALS

Evaluation is the most important step in the selection of any material. The criteria used to evaluate purchased materials should also be applied to free materials. Certain questions need to be answered when evaluating material.

IS THIS THE BEST TOOL AVAILABLE? The material selected should do the best job possible.

WILL THIS MATERIAL MEET THE NEEDS OF THE CURRICULUM? Free and inexpensive materials should enrich present curriculum materials and should not be used simply because of their nature,

IS THIS MATERIAL USABLE? The material needs to be appropriate to the ability level of the class' experience. The physical size of the material also needs to permit ease in handling.

WILL THE EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES BE ACHIEVED IF THIS MATERIAL IS USED? The material should help to develop reading skills, the ability to distinguish fact from opinion, and the formulation of judgments based on facts.

IS THIS MATERIAL BIASED? This is not always a deterrent. By the

utilization of biased material the student will learn to apply evaluative criteria. This will give students exposure to a broad range of ideas and opinions.

After the questions above have been answered, there are several other factors which should be taken into consideration.

WILL THE MATERIAL HOLD THE STUDENTS INTEREST? The content needs to motivate the learner's interest.

IS THE INFORMATION INCLUDED TRUTHFUL? Ideally, all material published will be truthful; however, lack of truthfulness can be categorized as bias.

WHAT IS THE REPUTATION OF THE AUTHOR OR PUBLISHER? Materials created by well-known publishers or authors are generally less of a risk.

HOW IS THE CONTENT PRESENTED? The format should be one that the school is equipped to handle, e.g. appropriate equipment is available if necessary. "How-to" material without sufficient illustrations will be virtually useless.

Once all these criteria have been met, the educator is ready to identify the material to be utilized.

## SELECTION OF MATERIALS

Selection, after a complete evaluation, contains several aspects that need to be considered.

The educator must decide what format of materials are needed and free and inexpensive materials must comply. The storage capacity of the classroom or library/media center where materials will be kept should also be considered.

What subject areas are to be avoided when selecting? Ordering for a single classroom will be limited, while materials for the library/media center will represent broad subject areas.

Will the reader/viewer be of a defined age group. This will have to be determined so materials will be appropriate to student needs and capabilities.

What level of materials will be considered? Different levels of difficulty should be covered in the collection.

A positive emphasis on the students needs and rights must be maintained. The students right to read should be kept in mind and all viewpoints possible should be presented. Disagreement with viewpoints presented is not a sole reason to discount its worth.

The existing school materials selection policy should be consulted when choosing free and inexpensive materials.

The materials selection policy is the basis by which materials used in the school are chosen. A section on free and inexpensive materials may be included in this policy, if not, now may be the time to include it. If questions arise about the materials chosen it may be necessary to refer to the statements in the materials selection policy..

## ACQUISITION OF MATERIALS

After materials have been evaluated and specific titles have been selected, it will be necessary to place an order. The following guidelines will facilitate ordering:

- (1) Requests made well in advance, several months if possible, will increase the chance of acquiring the title needed. When requesting film, filmstrips, or any materials that need to be returned, give an alternate date and allow handling time.
- (2) Type all requests on full-sized school letterhead stationery. Follow any instructions that are given and mention where the materials were cited (see Appendix A).
- (3) Unless otherwise stated, do not let students request materials. The request should be made by the teacher, library/media specialist, or school administrator.

- (4) Write one request for a class; 35 individual letters are neither desirable nor economical.
- (5) When multiple copies may be needed ask for a sample copy first and then request only the amount needed.
- (6) Return promptly any materials which may not be kept.
- (7) Let the producer know how the materials were used, how effective they were, and if there are any suggestions for improvement.

Bibliographies of materials will include all of the information needed to order materials. As stated above, follow the instructions and generally materials will arrive sooner.

When ordering U.S. government publications, single copies may be available from the bureau or agency that sponsored them. To obtain multiple copies, write to:

Superintendent of Documents  
Government Printing Office  
Washington, D.C. 20402

## UTILIZATION OF MATERIAL

The utilization of free and inexpensive materials is not essentially a unique process. The five steps of utilization which apply to all materials are:

- (1) Prepare yourself--be familiar with the materials.
- (2) Prepare the students--familiarize them with the topic to be covered.
- (3) Prepare the environment--have all necessary equipment in the classroom.
- (4) Present the lesson using the materials.
- (5) Involve the students in evaluating the materials and inform the producers by sending reactions to the materials used.

The potential uses are limited only by the imagination of the educator. Be creative! Supplementary materials may be used in many ways, a few examples follow:



\*As resource materials for bulletin boards.

\*To supplement textbooks and related library/media center material.

\*To enrich classroom or library/media center collections.

\*As illustrations for student reports and projects in all subject areas.

\*To develop student material collections.

\*To supplement or begin a tearsheet file for classroom and library/media center.

\*As materials for interest centers.

\*To supplement current events assignments.

\*To provide illustration sources for art classes.

\*To aid instruction in technical writing.

\*To help generate interest in any subject area.

\*To develop skills in critical evaluation

\*As supplementary reading materials.

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Shaffer, Dale E. A Library of 1,500 Free Pamphlets (Titles and Sources for Every Librarian and Teacher). Salem, OH: By the Author, 437 Jennings Ave., 1974.

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Listing of items that may be obtained by and for new mothers at little or no cost.

Sprecher, Daniel: Guide to Free-Loan Training Films. Alexandria, VA: Serina Press, 1975.

Alphabetical listing of sources and titles with brief description of film.

"Staying on Top." in Language Arts (monthly)

Instructional materials and professional resources column that appears irregularly in issues of Language Arts.

Suttles, Patricia H. and Stephen A. Suttles. Educators Guide to Free Social Studies Materials. Randolph, WI: Educators Progress Service, 1978.

Devoted exclusively to free social studies materials and uses the multi-media approach. Revised yearly.

The Texas History Teacher's Guide to Supplementary Materials and Professional Bibliography. Austin, TX: Texas History Educational Advisory Committee, 1976

Bibliography including free material for teaching courses dealing with the history of Texas.

Tiberio, Barbara. "The Acquisition of Free Cartographic Materials: Request and Exchange." Special Libraries 70 (May-June 1979): 233-38.

Sources of free materials for map collections such as government agencies, foreign embassies, and chambers of commerce.

Todd, Leonard. Trash Can Toys and Games. Bayonne, NJ: Penguin Books, 1976.

Instructions for making toys and games from free or inexpensive materials.

Trevarrow, W. M. The Book of Free Books. Northbrook, IL: Domus Books, 1979.

Annotated list of hundreds of books on a variety of subjects.

A Useful List of Classroom Items That Can Be Scrounged or Purchased. Newton, MA: Educational Development Center, n.d.

Lists materials that will help teachers set up classrooms based on an open approach to education.

Vertical File Index of Pamphlets. Bronx, NY: H. W. Wilson, 1932 to date.

Subject and title index to selected pamphlets; issued monthly except August.

Wall, C. Edward. "A New Look at Free Magazines." American Libraries (February 1977): 85-88.

Where to find and how to order free magazines on a variety of subject areas.



Weisinger, Mort. 1001 Valuable Things You Can Get Free, 10th ed. New York: Bantam, 1977.

Listing of materials obtainable through the mail.

Weiss, Brian. "Free! Free! Free! Free!" Learning (August/September 1978): 120-24.

Suggestions on where to get "freebies" in several subject areas, annotated entries.

Weiss, Brian. "Now is The Time for Freebies," Learning 8 (August/September 1979): 132-33, 135-136, 140.

Annotated listing of where to get free materials in various subject areas along with some cautions about free materials.

Where to Get Hundreds of Educational Materials Free. Greenwich, CT: Frances Press, 1975.

A listing of free-loan films, pamphlets, books, maps, charts, and other items.

Wurman, Richard S., ed. Yellow Pages of Learning Resources. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 1972.

"Handshake with a city"--a visual reminder of the many resources within a community that can be used for educational experience.

Zinn, Karl L. "Free and Inexpensive Materials on Computing in Teaching and Learning Activities." System 4 (May 1978): 128-38.

Bibliographic listing of materials available and where to get them.

Zinn, Karl L. Free and Inexpensive Materials on Computing in Teaching and Learning Activities: An Informal Appraisal, rev ed. Ann Arbor, MI: Center for Research on Learning and Teaching, 1975.

Bibliography of supplementary materials for computer-assisted instruction.

The following list of selected journals and magazines include lists of free and inexpensive materials, either on a regular or irregular basis. These lists will generally appear in a regular column, or in a special article. Many other journals and magazines include Reader's Service cards which provide free informative and/or materials from different publishers, producers, or distributors. Those titles marked with an asterisk (\*) are periodicals which Reader's Service cards.

Administrative Management \*

Ag Consultant and Fieldman \*

American Ceramic Society Bulletin \*

American City and County \*

American Dairy Review \*

American Dyestuff Reporter \*

American Education

American Film

American Institute of Architects Journal \*

American Libraries

The American School Board Journal \*

Americana

Archaeology

Architectural Record \*

Architectural Review \*

Art Education

Art News

Arithmetic Teacher

Astronautics and Aeronautics \*

Astronomy

Athletic Journal \*

Audio \*

Autobody and the Reconditioned Car \*

Automotive Engineering \*

Backpacker \*

Bank Administration \*

Beef \*

Better Homes and Gardens

Bicycling

Big Farmer \*

Booklist

Books and Bookmen

Brick and Clay Record \*

Business and Commercial Aviation \*

Byte\*

Case and Comment \*

Chain Store Age Executive \*

Changing Times

Chemical Engineering \*

Child Education

Civil Rights Digest

Communication Arts \*

Compressed Air \*

Computer \*

Control Engineering \*

CQ: The Radio Amateur's Journal \*

Creative Computing \*

Dance Magazine

Design Engineering \*

Driver

Educational and Industrial Television \*

Electrical World \*

Electronics Design \*

Elementary School Journal

Engineering Design \*

Environmental Science and Technology \*

Family Circle

Family Handyman

Farm Industry News. \*

Feed Management \*

Fiberarts \*

Fifty Plus \*

Financial World \*

Food Manufacture \*

Forecast for Home Economics

Fortune \*

Good Housekeeping

Harvest Years

House and Garden

House Beautiful

Housing \*

Industrial Equipment News \*

Information and Records Management \*

Infosystems \*

Instructor \*

Instructional Innovator  
(previously Audiovisual Instruction)

Interface Age \*

Institutions \*

Interiors \*

Journal of Business Education

Journal of Chemical Education \*

Journal of Physical Education and Recreation \*

Journal of the American Dietetic Association \*

Kilobaud Microcomputing \*

Landscape Architecture \*

Language Arts

Learning \*

Learning Today

Library Journal

Man Society Technology  
Materials Engineering \*  
Media Methods \*  
Microcomputing  
Mini-Micro Systems \*  
Mother Earth News  
Music Educators Journal  
Natural History  
Nature \*  
Package Engineering \*  
Parents  
Personnel Administration \*  
Pest Control \*  
Physics Today \*  
Plan and Print \*  
Professional Builder and Apartment Business \*  
Professional Photographer \*  
Psychology Today  
Radio-Electronics \*  
Scholastic Coach \*  
School Business Affairs \*  
School Library Journal  
School Musiciap Director and Teacher \*  
School Shop \*  
Science \*

Science and Children

Sierra \*

Teacher \*

Textile Chemist and Colorist \*

Textile World \*

Theatre Crafts \*

Today's Health

Today's Secretary \*

Training and Development Journal \*

Welding Design and Fabrication \*

Wilson Library Journal

Woman's Day

World Tennis \*



## APPENDIX A

Letter to Distributors

Letters written to the distributors of free and inexpensive materials need not be done individually. A stencil master reproduced on school letterhead may be used.

The stencil should include space for information that is basic to each request. Space should be left for the date and the inside address of the distributor to whom the request is sent. Space should also be left in the body of the letter for the title(s) of the publication(s) being requested.

The statements opening and closing the letter will be part of the stencil as the latter on the next page illustrates.

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APPENDIX B

Sample Letter to the Distributor

SPRING STREET JR. HIGH SCHOOL<sup>1</sup>  
10 Spring St.  
Nashua NH 03061

To Whom It May Concern:

We would like to secure the following free material as listed in

for use in our school:

- The materials will be integrated into our existing collection for use by present and future students.

Thank you for your cooperation in assisting us in enriching our curriculum.

Sincerely,

Paula J. Zsiray  
Media Coordinator

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<sup>1</sup>For a completed letter see next page.

SPRING STREET JR. HIGH  
10 Spring St.  
Nashua, NH 03061

February 3, 1980

Kansas Wheat Commission  
1020 North Main St.  
Hutchinson, KS 67501

To Whom It May Concern:

We would like to secure the following free material as listed in Selected Free Materials for Classroom Teachers for use in our school:

Wheat--The Kernel (A Poster)

The material will be integrated into our existing collection for use by present and future students.

Thank you for your cooperation in assisting us in enriching our curriculum.

Sincerely,

*Paula J. Zsiray*

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